

MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Romans 16

What are the joys of working with other people? (There are, of course, difficulties, but let's keep it positive 😊)

Read Romans 16:1-16; 21-23

1. "But I hardly know any of them!" Why might Paul have included such a long list of greetings? What do you notice about the collective (eg demographics)?
2. In all, Paul names 27 people, plus a few families. He describes 4 individuals as "my beloved", and Rufus' mother as being "a mother to me as well". He urges the members of the church to greet one another with a holy kiss. What insight do these names, greetings and instructions give into Paul's relationship with the Roman Christians?
3. What is worth imitating about Paul's relationship with the Roman Christians? Think specifically about:
 - Other congregation members in our church
 - Other churches you happen to be connected to (eg through our mission partners)
 - People you have particular spiritual responsibility for (eg family members)

Read Romans 16:17-20

4. What are the characteristics of these false teachers? What are their motives?
5. What should the Romans do to counter their threat?
6. Paul also spoke about people who cause divisions in 14:1-15:13. How and why is his approach different here?
7. What will God do to help them with the threat?

Read Romans 16:25-27

8. Paul began his letter speaking about 'the obedience of faith' (1:5; 16:26). To be a Christian is to have faith in Christ, for that is what obedience looks like. But to be a Christian and to have faith in Christ is to also express that faith in obedience. How can you bring about the obedience of faith in yourself? In others?
9. Having studied Romans, what are some things for which you would like to praise God?

PRAY